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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media Urged to Cooperate with Authorities

To: Members of the Media

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and other state agencies request cooperation among members of the media during the influenza pandemic currently being reported across much of the state.

"We request that you cooperate with authorities and do not go into areas in the state which have a large outbreak of the flu," said Joe Wainscott, executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. "Authorities are working in your best interests and are trying to help keep the flu from spreading."

Further updates will be provided as required and available on the IDHS website at http://www.in.gov/dhs or Indiana State Department of Health at http://www.in.gov/dhs or Indiana State Department of Health at http://www.in.gov/isdh.

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